

## REMARKS

The Patent Office imposed a seven (7) set restriction requirement on pending claims 11-14, 30-44, 48-56, 60-83 and 85-89 and required that the Applicants elect a species from each of the seven sets. In response, the Applicants make the following elections:

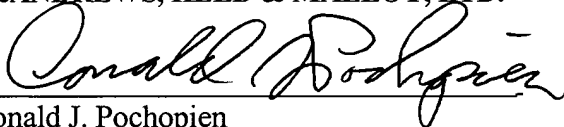
species set 1: allograft  
species set 2: cortical bone  
species set 3: PLA  
species set 4: mineralized  
species set 5: block  
species set 6: tongue and groove  
species set 7: pin or rod

The Patent Office also requested that the Applicants identify those claims that read upon the elected species. In response, Applicants advise that in their opinion the following claims read on the elected species: claims 11-14, 30-36, 39-44, 48-56, 60-69, 71-72, 74-83, 85-89.

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